FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
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National Provider Identifier

The following questions and answers have been developed in response to the provider community inquiries and concerns.

1. What NPI numbers are required on institutional claims (paper and electronic)?

DHMH is requiring both the NPI and Medicaid Legacy Provider numbers on paper and electronic claims.

2. There are several different providers listed on a UB claim form. Will we just need the rendering provider NPI number?

No, you will need the "pay to" provider number, the "attending" provider number and in surgical cases, you will have to populate the "other" field.

3. There are 4 other provider areas on the UB: attending physician, operating physician, and 2 boxes for "other" physician. Will the NPI's be required on these?

Yes, as of July 31, 2007.

4. What number will be required on encounter data submissions?

Effective July 31, 2007, encounter data submissions will need to have the NPI number substituted for the legacy provider number.

5. Given that the HIPAA regulation only applies to the 837 (electronic claims), why and how are you requiring the NPI number on paper claims?

Maryland Medicaid is requiring the NPI number on all paper claims in order for the claims to be paid.

The MIA has not yet made the NPI number a required field for the clean claims regulation. They do not appear to be modifying their regulations until the fall. All other commercial carriers are working with a dual submission period. In addition, they are not requiring the NPI number on paper claims at this point, as the HIPAA regulations do not support it.

Maryland Medicaid is not governed by the statutory requirements of the MIA.

6. **After July 30th, will we be required to submit the provider MA number on the 837? I know that the primary identifier will be the NPI, but I did not know if the MA number for the provider would still be a required field.**

The provider MA number will **not** be required on the 837 after July 30, 2007.

7. **In the provider directory published by the enrollment broker, what will happen if the provider has yet to submit their NPI after 7/30? Will that provider be printed in the directory?**

The Enrollment Broker (PSI) will not print the NPI number, but will continue to print the unique Provider ID in the Provider Directory as is done today.

8. **What about PCP groups? Right now there are numerous PCP groups that are in the directory. Members are assigned to these group practices; however, they may not be applying for an organizational NPI. What will happen to these groups? Will they be removed from the directory?**

PSI will publish them is the directory if DHMH continues to provide a unique provider legacy number for these groups.